

Antonio Rossi House
River Street Historic District
82 N. River Street
San Jose
Santa Clara County
California

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location:

82 North River Street, River Street Historic District
San Jose, Santa Clara County, California
UTM Coordinates: 10-597670-4132360

Significance:

The Antonio Rossi House, due to its architectural integrity and contribution to the urban fabric, forms an integral part of the River Street Historic District, a rare intact late nineteenth century and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.

Description:

The Antonio Rossi House is a single story wood framed residence with a hipped roof and twin slanted bay windows on the front facade. The central bay windows contain transoms, and the side windows are wood one over one double hung. The building is sided in V-groove rustic siding and roofed with composition shingle. An unusual design of the building is the method of providing rear entry on a narrow parcel. The southern half of the building is cantilevered over the driveway and provides a passage to the rear garage. This Queen Anne cottage features fishscale shingles in the pedimented areas above the bay windows, cornice moldings, and leaded glass above the center windows in the bays. The house is one of the smaller cottages in the district and contains only two bedrooms along the southern wall with a dining room and living room on the northern wall. A small kitchen, rear hall, and two bathrooms line the rear wall. Double pocket doors separate the dining and living areas and a single pocket door separates one of the rear bathrooms with the back entry hall.

History:

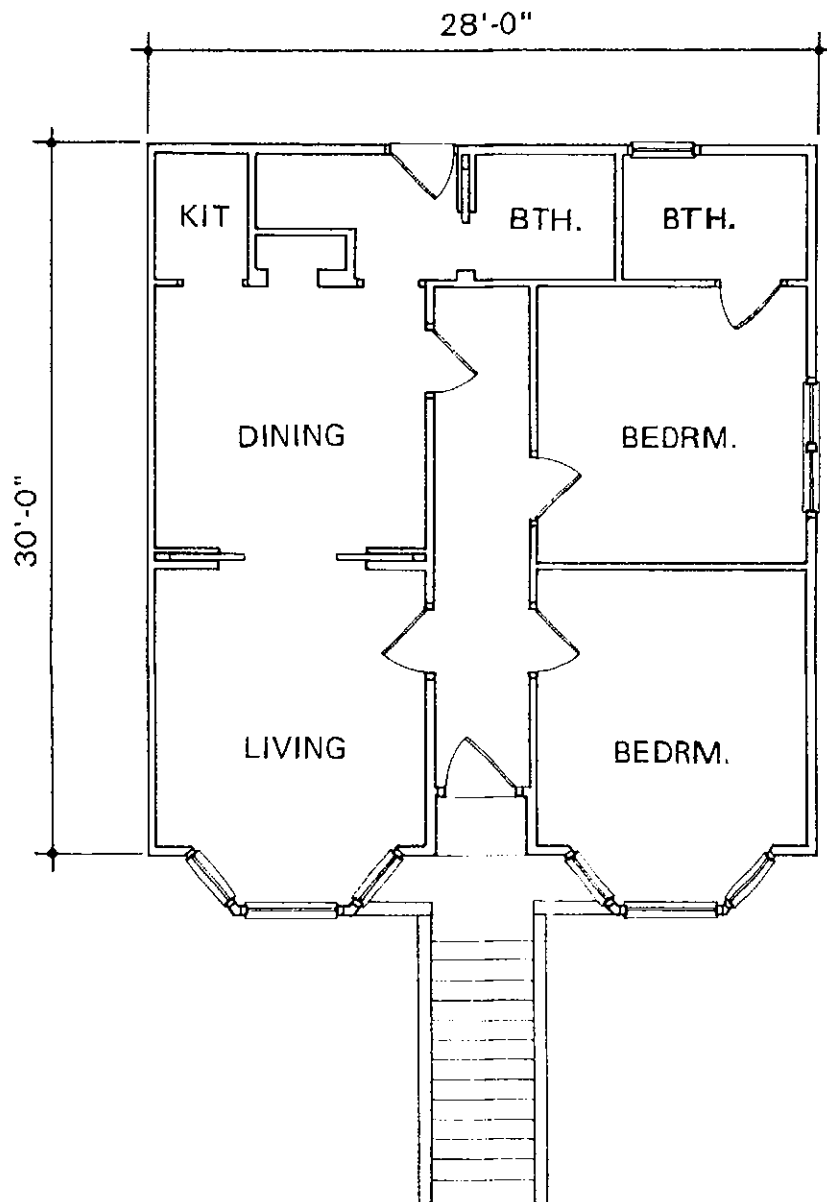
The house was constructed around 1910 and was one of several rental properties owned by the Prindiville family members (in this case James F. Prindiville). One of the earlier tenants was Antonio Rossi, an Italian laborer who lived in the house from 1919 to the mid 1920s. Another long-term tenant was the Sanchez family, whose members included Felix (a cannery worker) and his wife Carmen, and Jose (a brick and tile worker) who occupied the house from 1934 to 1944. The house was subsequently divided into separate rental units; three are listed by 1950.

Sources:

California Historic Resources Inventory Form, prepared by
Stephen D. Mikesell, 1988.
San Jose City Directories.
San Jose 1924 Block Map.

Historian:

Hardlines: Design & Delineation
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1' - 0"